

# Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

West Polk District FY09 EQIP

## **1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:**

Soil Erosion - especially in the impaired waters watersheds

Water Quality – “ “ “ “ “ “

Air Quality

Wildlife Habitat

Human

Plant – pasture conditions, invasive species, and irrigation improvements

## **2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:**

The watersheds with impaired waters will receive additional credit.

## **3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.**

Soil erosion and water quality – applications with in impaired waters.

Soil erosion and water quality – applications with the following practices: 362, 380, 386, 393, 402, 410, 587, 638, or 657 – to address field borders, filter strips, living snow fences, or flood control.

Soil erosion, water quality, and wildlife habitat – applications with no till/strip till scheduled.

## **4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.**

1. Is the application with in an impaired watershed? Yes = 15 pts No = 0 pts.
2. Does the application include at least one of the following: 350, 362, 380, 386, 393, 402, 410, 587, 638, or 657? Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts.
3. Does the application include 329 no till/strip till? Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts.
4. Does the application include 590 or 595? Yes = 5 pts No = 0 pts.
5. Does the application include organic crop rotation, new or existing? Yes = 2 pts No = 0 pts.
6. Does the application include 340, 345, or 351? Yes = 2 pts No = 0 pts.
7. Does the application compliment a previously completed EQIP contract? Yes = 5 pts No = 0 pts.

**5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.**

1. 15 or 0
2. 10 or 0
3. 10 or 0
4. 5 or 0
5. 2 or 0
6. 2 or 0
7. 5 or 0

**6. Submit this worksheet electronically to your respective ASTC (FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**

**The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.**

**This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached below is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.**

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